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#### AFGHANISTAN CONTRACTS

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight concluded a hearing to examine an overview of Afghanistan contracts, after receiving testimony from William H. Campbell, Director, Operations Directorate, Office of the Comptroller, Edward M. Harrington, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Procurement, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army, Acquisition, Logistics and Technology, and Jeffrey P. Parsons, Executive Director, U.S. Army Contracting Command, all of the Department of Defense; Charles North, Senior Deputy Director, Afghanistan-Pakistan Task Force, U.S. Agency for International Development; and Daniel F. Feldman, Deputy Special Representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan, Department of State.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1703, to amend the Act of June 18, 1934, to reaffirm the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to take land into trust for Indian tribes, with amendments; and

S. 1011, to express the policy of the United States regarding the United States relationship with Native Hawaiians and to provide a process for the recognition by the United States of the Native Hawaiian governing entity, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

#### COBELL V. SALAZAR SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

*Committee on Indian Affairs:* Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Cobell v. Salazar settlement agreement, after receiving testimony from Ken Salazar, Secretary, Hilary Tompkins, Solicitor, Office of the Solicitor, and David Hayes, Deputy

Secretary, all of the Department of the Interior; Thomas J. Perrelli, Associate Attorney General, Department of Justice; Keith Harper, Kilpatrick Stockton, LLP, Washington, D.C.; and Elouise P. Cobell, Browning, Montana.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 678, to reauthorize and improve the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1974, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1376, to restore immunization and sibling age exemptions for children adopted by United States citizens under the Hague Convention on Intercountry Adoption to allow their admission to the United States, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

The nominations of Barbara L. McQuade, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan, Christopher A. Crofts, to be United States Attorney for the District of Wyoming, Michael W. Cotter, to be United States Attorney for the District of Montana, Mark Anthony Martinez, to be United States Marshal for the District of Nebraska, and James L. Santelle, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Wisconsin, all of the Department of Justice.

#### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

S. 2862, to amend the Small Business Act to improve the Office of International Trade, with an amendment; and

S. 2869, to increase loan limits for small business concerns, to provide for low interest refinancing for small business concerns.

#### INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

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## House of Representatives

### *Chamber Action*

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 6 p.m. on Saturday, December 19, 2009 unless it sooner has received a message from the Senate transmitting its concurrence in H.

Con. Res. 223, in which case the House shall stand adjourned pursuant to that concurrent resolution.

## *Committee Meetings*

### GOVERNMENT AS A SHAREHOLDER

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Domestic Policy continued hearings entitled “The U.S. Government as Dominant Shareholder: How Should the Taxpayers’ Ownership Rights be Exercised?” Testimony was heard from Herbert M. Allison, Jr., Assistant Secretary, Financial Stability, Department of the Treasury.

## *Joint Meetings*

### RUSSIA’S MUSLIM POPULATION

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe.* Commission concluded a hearing to examine Russia’s

Muslim population, after receiving testimony from Paul Globe, Institute of World Politics, and Shireen Hunter, Georgetown University School of Foreign Service, both of Washington, DC.

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2009

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

#### House

No committee meetings are scheduled.